

Addition/ Subtraction laws for indices

$$3^5 \times 3^2 \longrightarrow 3^7$$

$$= (3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3) \times (3 \times 3)$$

The base number is all the same so the terms can be simplified

Addition law for indices

$$a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$3^5 \div 3^2 \longrightarrow 3^3$$

$$\frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times \cancel{3} \times \cancel{3}}{\cancel{3} \times \cancel{3}} \longrightarrow \frac{3^3}{3^0} \longrightarrow \frac{3^3}{1}$$

Subtraction law for indices

$$a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$$

Multiplication law of indices

$$(3^2)^3 \longrightarrow 3^6$$

$$= 3^2 \times 3^2 \times 3^2$$

$$= 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3$$

Multiplication law for indices

$$(a^m)^n = a^{m \times n}$$

Positive powers of 10

1 billion – 1 000 000 000
 $10 \times 10 = 10^9$

Addition rule for indices $10^a \times 10^b = 10^{a+b}$

Subtraction rule for indices $10^a \div 10^b = 10^{a-b}$

Standard form with numbers > 1

Any number between 1 and less than 10 $\longrightarrow A \times 10^n$ \longleftarrow Any integer

Example
 3.2×10^4
 $= 3.2 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$
 $= 32000$

Non-example
 0.8×10^4
 5.3×10^{07}

Standard form with numbers < 1

Any number between 1 and less than 10 $\longrightarrow A \times 10^n$ \longleftarrow Any integer

Example
 3.2×10^{-4}
 $= 0.00032$

Non-example
 0.8×10^{-4}
 $5.4 \times 10^{-4.2}$

